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Dear Sir/Madam:

The above-referenced patent application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via Express Mail on July 29, 2003. The official Filing Receipt for this application has

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Applicants believe that there is no fee due for this status inquiry; however, if any such fee is due, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 09-0007.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (317) 236-5972. Thank you for your assistance and prompt attention to our inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

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